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**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED
EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	09/531,350
Filing Date	March 21, 2000
First Named Inventor	Steven S. Greenberg
Art Unit	2123
Examiner Name	Craig, Dwin M.
Attorney Docket No.	AVA005 US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment (12 pages)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iv. ☒ Other _____ Extension of Time (1 month) _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

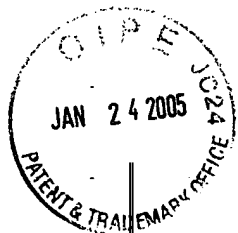
- a. ☒ The director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-2263, for each of the following:
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Any extension of time fee that may be required (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other Any fee that may be needed
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 910 is enclosed for (1) RCE fee of \$790 and (2) Extension of Time Fee of \$120
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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First Inventor	Steven S. Greenberg	Filing Date	March 21, 2000
Tech. Center/ Art Unit	2123	Examiner	Craig, Dwin M.
Title:	Scheduling Non-Integral Simulation Time For Mixed-Signal Simulation		
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AMENDMENT FILED WITH

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

In response to a Final Office Action dated September 23, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks/arguments.

This paper is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and constitutes the "substantive" paper required therewith.

Note that a petition for 1-month extension of time is being made (in a separate paper), thereby to allow this paper to be filed on January 23, 2005 which happens to be Sunday thereby making this paper timely even though filed today, January 24, 2005. Please charge the deposit account 50-2263 for any fee required for entry of this paper, while identifying the transaction with the Attorney Docket No. AVA005 US.

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.